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Texas State Banks Make Good Showing

INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS INCREASED 27 PER CENT IN ABOUT EIGHTY DAYS.

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Money is Brought From Musty Hiding Places and Again Placed in Circulation.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 19.—Commissioner of Banking Love is highly gratified over the magnificent showing made by the state banks, reflected in the recently published summary of condition at the close of business on Nov. 16. The state banks showed a wonderful stride, the increase in individual deposits having been the greatest in the history of state banking in Texas and even the greatest proportionate increase yet recorded in Texas. The accounts of individuals between Sept. 1 and Nov. 16 the total had increased approximately \$10,000,000. On Sept. 1 the individual deposits amounted to \$26,712,932 and on Nov. 16 the total had increased to \$40,119,164. In approximately eighty days the increase amounted to 27 per cent. This is considered remarkable.

Mr. Love says that some of his bank

examiners have interesting reports to make regarding the increase. According to them the bank guaranty law has added to the deposits, as well as the general prosperity of this season of the year, when crops are being sold and the farmers securing money. Mr. Love was informed that some money that had become musty with age and rusty from hiding in a sock had made its appearance since advent of the bank guaranty law and now reposes in the state banks, for the first time in the history of its present ownership. He thinks the bank guaranty law has attracted no little money from hiding places and caused it to be returned to channels of circulation.

The statement comes just on the eve of Mr. Love's retirement and the healthy condition of the state bank is a source of satisfaction to him, especially in view of the fact that he is the father of the present state banking law and under his administration the state banks have expanded and largely increased. Mr. Love retires from his present position on Feb. 1, 1910, and will leave the state banks and state banking department in magnificent condition. His successor will find a harmonious condition with well defined policies mapped out.

We respectfully call your attention to the above statement and solicit your Banking Business.

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THE MAIN STREET PROBLEM.

Expressions From Leading Citizens on The Question of Improving Main Street.

The deplorable condition of Main street as disclosed and emphasized by the rain of last week, and the conviction that something must be done to better conditions, led the City Editor of The Eagle to address letters to a number of the leading business men of the city on the subject. Each one was asked the question what in his opinion was necessary to give Bryan a first class main thoroughfare, clean, substantial and well drained. The letters were sent out in the hope that out of the remedies suggested and the discussion that would follow, something tangible might crystallize that would give the relief so much needed.

The following replies have been received:

City Editor Eagle: Thoroughly grade Main street from one end to the other, put in adequate and permanent drainage sewers, and pave the street with vitrified brick.

L. L. McINNIS.

City Editor Eagle: Replying to your question as to what should be done as to street improvement. Hold another election and transfer the sewer bonds to the street, which should put them in first class condition.

Yours truly,
J. L. FOUNTAIN.

City Editor, Bryan Eagle: In reply to yours of 27th inst. as to what I thought would be the best thing to do to Main street to prevent a repetition of conditions that we have had for the past ten days, I would suggest,

First, that the street be thoroughly scraped from the I. & G. N. depot to the Ice Plant, removing all the accumulation of mud or sand.

Second, That the same street be graded, also all cross streets from the H. & T. C. R. R. to Bryan street.

Third, That all these streets be treated to a coat of gravel or crushed rock.

Fourth, That stone or concrete stepping stones be placed at five crossings on Main street.

This may cost more than I think for and the City may not be able to do it. But there should be, if the city council can possibly do it, something done for these streets.

Yours very truly,
ED HALL.

City Editor The Bryan Eagle: Replying to your enquiry of Dec. 27th, asking what would I suggest for making a permanent well drained Main street. I beg to suggest the following: Introduce and enforce an ordinance requiring that cement sidewalks only be allowed on Main street, that each property owner be required to build a concrete cement curb and gutter, all to engineer's specifications; remove all the plank coverings to drains, such as the one between Haswell's and Edge's, construct first class open concrete drains in their place and cover them with curved iron covers; relay the entire surface of Main street, at least six inches deep with first class gravel which I understand can be obtained at Fountain Switch; construct and place trash cans for all waste papers that now accumulate and overflow the present insufficient drains; enforce the ordinance, or make one if there is not one at present against scattering of waste paper in the streets and the fine should be doubled if the offender is an alderman; have a reserve supply of gravel on hand at all times and when a little weak spot shows up in the street have it patched and not delay until the hole becomes too large. These suggestions, I believe, if properly enforced will give us a good street.

Yours truly,
G. S. PARKER.

City Editor Bryan Eagle: In reply to your relative to what should be done to fix up our Main street to pre-

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vent wagons from bogging down, I will say that I have lived in Bryan since 1875. That Main street is a in very little better condition than it was when I came here. We have paid the taxes but it has taken a great deal of money in some way to run our city.

I suggest that Main street be paved with vitrified brick, and that each and every property owner be required to pave the width of his Main street property out in front to middle of the street. This is the only solution to this much needed improvement.

The man that does not own Main street property, I think, should not be taxed to improve my Main street property, as this would be unjust. Hoping that the property owners will awake and that the City Council will take some action in having this work begun at an early date, I am,

Respectfully,
J. A. MYERS.

City Editor Bryan Eagle: In reply to your request, that I make some suggestion as to the improvement of Main street: First, I suggest that it be plowed up and planted in Johnson grass, anything would help it. Second That it be paved with a good quality of street paving brick, from the Bryan warehouse to the Parker warehouse, and from Mrs. A. B. Carr's residence along Anderson street to the H. & T. C. railway. The reason I suggest brick is that a great deal of mud accumulates on the street and by having a good brick pavement, it could be easily flushed and cleaned. I would also further suggest that the city furnish free of charge to all real estate owners, gravel and cement to construct cement pavements in front of their place. Wishing the Old American Bird all manner of success, I stand with you for a better city and county.

Respectfully,
A. G. BOARD.

There was a slight wreck in the yards of the H. & T. C. railroad here this morning. The trucks at one end of a big furniture car jumped the track and it took the train crew some time to get it back on the rails. The smashing of a couple of brake beams was the only damage done.

Christmas is over and I feel sure you have the time to have your eyes looked after. Do not put it off. See D. S. Hearne at J. M. Caldwell's Jewelry Store. Examination Free. 22

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STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE!

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank & Trust Company of Bryan, for the election of directors and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held on the 11th day of January 1910, at 10 a. m. at the office of the bank, in the city of Bryan, and State of Texas.

Dated this the 27th day of December 1909.

W. H. Cole, Secretary.

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